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Dear Paul,

Just returned from full and tiring trip with much to do, much mail and family situations which prevent immediate response to your letter. Sorry the thesis is taking so long, but you are wise to concentrate on it and get it over with.

I did get the Wade stuff I asked for but haven't had time to write and send.

The Archives did send me the one withheld page on Jackie. If they don't send you, I will. It was never properly withheld and was only because it confirms the Connallys. Her first awareness was when she heard Connally hollering. And she testified that it was this that caused her to turn. If so, then the shot had to have been at least as early as I have postulated.

This, by the way, illustrates another point, not just whimsical or sinister withholding. The Archives does keep a record of all requests, for I asked for this in 1966.

The summary in the testimony of what was eliminated is a calculated deception. She does not discuss his wounds and was not asked about them.

I also have heard nothing further from any of my requests and appeals and haven't done anything only because of time pressures. I will when I can. I'll be adding this to PM, probably in the appendix or as a note.

Successes on the Ray stuff on this trip were fantastic. If you know anyone who taped Frank when he was there or have any interviews, they can be important. He blabs and he does not really understand that he does or what he says. He parrots, for all his cleverness and considerable skill.

Best, HW